PRESENT—*cont.*

Tajudin Sahib Bahadur, Syed.
Tampoe, I.C.S., Mr A. McG.C.
Thomas, Mr. Daniel.
Tulasiram, Mr. L. K.
Uppi Sahib Bahadur, Mr. K.
Vanavudaiya Gounder, Mr. S. V_e
Venkatapati Raju, Mr. P. C.
Venkatarama Ayyar, Mr. K. R.
Venkataramana Ayyangar, Mr. C. V.
Venkatarangam Nayudu, Mr. C
Venkataratnam, Mr. B.
Venkiah, Mr. S.
Watson, I.C S., Mr. H. A.
Wood, Mr. C. E.
Wright, Mr. W. O.
Zamindar of Gollapalli (Srimannarayana Appa Rao Bahadur Garu, Meka).
Zamindar of Singampatti (T. N. Sivasubrahmanya Tevar, Thirthapathi).

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QUESTIONS AND ANSWERS.

STARRED QUESTIONS

Agriculture

Action taken on the report of the Agricultural Commission.

* 1198 Q.—Mr. C. Gopala Menon : Will the hon. the Minister for Development be pleased to state—

(*a*) whether any action has been taken on the Agricultural Commission Report with regard to the economic enquiries which are considered as an essential preliminary to any administrative action ; and

(*b*) if the answer is in the affirmative whether it is the intention of Government to utilize the services of Revenue officers, and of the Academic Agencies of the University for the purpose?

A.—(*a*) & (*b*) The question as to what action should be taken on the recommendation of the Royal Commission on Agriculture is under consideration.

Mr. C. Gopala Menon :—"Will the hon. the Minister be good enough to state, whether when he takes action regarding the economic enquiries of the Agricultural Commission he wishes to utilize the services of the academic agencies of the University?"

The hon. Mr. M. R. Seturatnam Ayyar :—"The Government will consider it."

Mr. T. Adinarayana Chettiyar :—"May I ask the hon. Minister in what stage the matter is, whether any steps have been actually taken in that direction and when the results can be expected?"

The hon. Mr. M. R. Seturatnam Ayyar :—"The Government have appointed an advisory committee to go into the recommendations of the Commission. As soon as their report is received, action will be taken."

Mr. T. Adinarayana Chettiyar :—"May I know whether the Committee has met and what is its personnel?"

The hon. Mr. M. R. Seturatnam Ayyar :—"Its first meeting is to be held on the 14th February."

Sriman BISWANATH DAS Mahasayo :—" Will the hon. the Minister be pleased to state whether he will take this House into his confidence before the Government arrive at any decision as to the steps or action to be taken on the Report of the Royal Commission on Agriculture by means of resolutions before the House ? "

The hon. Mr. M. R. SETURATNAM AYYAR :—" Every attempt will be made to secure the confidence of this House."

Mr. T. ADINARAYANA CHETTIYAR :—" What is the personnel of the Committee ? "

The hon. Mr. M. R. SETURATNAM AYYAR :—" Departmental heads connected with Agriculture and four non-officials."

Mr. T. ADINARAYANA CHETTIYAR :—" Who are the non-officials ? "

The hon. Mr. M. R. SETURATNAM AYYAR :—" The names are not yet settled."

Mr. T. ADINARAYANA CHETTIYAR :—" Will they select some people from this House ? "

The hon. Mr. M. R. SETURATNAM AYYAR :—" The matter is yet under consideration."

The hon. the PRESIDENT :—" The hon. Member may take an opportunity to suggest his own name by other means, not by means of a supplementary question."

Mr. K. V. R. SWAMI :—" May I know whether there was any advisory committee previously ? "

The hon. Mr. M. R. SETURATNAM AYYAR :—" There is a standing advisory committee of the Council."

Mr. K. V. R. SWAMI :—" How many times did it meet last year ? "

The hon. Mr. M. R. SETURATNAM AYYAR :—" There was no meeting at all."

Co-operative Societies

Appointment of Subramania Pillai and two others in the Co-operative Department.

* 1199 Q.—Mr. T. ADINARAYANA CHETTIYAR : Will the hon. the Minister for Development be pleased to state with reference to the answer to question No. 1316 answered on 23rd January 1928—

(a) the qualifications, age of Subramania Pillai, Ramanatha Pillai and Jesudas Gnaniar, the districts to which they belong, the dates of their first appointments in the Co-operative department, the posts to which they were appointed, and by whom they were appointed ;

(b) the subsequent appointments held by each of the above three persons with particulars as to the places they were posted, their pay in their subsequent posts, and the dates of their subsequent appointments ;

(c) the travelling charges incurred by Government on account of their joining their appointments subsequent to the first ; and

(d) whether, in case these three persons were originally appointed to mufassal centres and subsequently posted to the City of Madras, these appointments were approved of by the Staff Selection Board ?